

### Claims:

1. A method of transmitting a message from a portable communication device comprising:

preparing the message to be transmitted; and

5 transmitting the message from the portable communication device upon the  
occurrence of a user defined event.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the message includes transmitting the message from the portable communication device to a base station.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying the user defined event.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying the date and time for transmission of the message.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable cost level at which the message is to be sent.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable transmission power level at which the message is to be

sent.

7. The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable security level at which the message is to be sent.

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8. The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable distance from a base station at which the message is to be sent.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising compressing the message only when the portable communication device is coupled to a stable power supply.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the message includes wirelessly transmitting the message to a receiver and disabling a ringing function of the receiver.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the message in memory in the portable communication device.

20 12. The method of claim 11, wherein storing the message in memory  
includes storing the message in non-volatile memory.

13. A method of transmitting a message to a portable communication device comprising:

## storing a message in memory

defining a transmission condition for when the message is to be transmitted

5 transmitting the message with a transmitter to the portable communication

device upon occurrence of the transmission condition.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein defining a transmission condition

includes defining a time when the message is to be transmitted.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein defining a transmission condition

includes defining an acceptable security level for when the message is to be transmitted.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein defining a transmission condition includes defining an acceptable quality of service level for when the message is to be transmitted.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein defining a transmission condition  
20 includes defining an acceptable cost for when the message is to be transmitted.

18. The method of claim 13, further comprising receiving the message with

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*al*} an antennae on the portable communication device.

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19. A portable communication device comprising:  
a memory to store a message;  
a transmitter having an antennae to transmit the message; and  
a processor, wherein the processor is adapted to transmit the message with  
5 the transmitter upon occurrence of a user defined event.

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20. The portable communication device of claim 19, wherein the processor  
is further adapted to monitor the operation of the portable communication device  
and determine if the user defined event has occurred.

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24. An article comprising: a storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing platform, results in: preparing a message to be transmitted by a portable communication device; and

5 transmitting the message from the portable communication device upon the occurrence of a user defined event.

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25. The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in transmitting the message from the portable communication device to a

10 base station.

26. The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying the user defined event.

27. The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable quality of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.

20 28. The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable level of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.